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SUBJECT: ADB SUGAR PROJECT LOAN

1. ON JUNE 16 THE WORKING GROUP OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FAILED TO APPROVE AN 18.8 MILLION DOLS ADB LOAN TO BURMA FOR THE PYINMANA INTEGRATED SUGAR PROJECT ON THE BASIS OF POSSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WITH REGARD TO MUSLIMS WHO HAVE FLED THE ARAKAN INTO BANGLADESH.
2. THE LOAN WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED AT A JULY 7 MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP (CHRISTOPHER GROUP) TO DETERMINE HOW THE U.S. ADB DIRECTOR WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE ON THE PROJECT (FOR, AGAINST, ABSTAIN).
3. UNDER RECENTLY DEVELOPED PROCEDURES WE WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE PRIOR TO THIS MEETING (I.E. THIS WEEK) A
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT, A HUMAN RIGHTS PAPER, A LISTING OF OTHER U.S. INTERESTS, AND A DETAILED SUMMARY OF ALL FORMS OF U.S. AND IFI ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1977-1980.

4. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO PREPARE THE NEEDED BACKGROUND PAPERS IS AVAILABLE HERE, WE ARE SHORT ON DETAILS OF THE SUGAR PROJECT FOR WHICH THE LOAN IS BEING

SOUGHT, IN PARTICULAR WHETHER IT MEETS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS
(BHN) CRITERIA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT YOU CAN
SHED ON THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK. VANCE

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